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SUBJ: SOUTH KOREAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TEHRAN

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR SIHAK HYUN CALLED ON DCM TO GIVE HIM A RUN-DOWN ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DUCK-WOO NAM'S VISIT TO TEHRAN JULY 4-9 AND TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING UN CONSIDERATION OF PERENNIAL KOREAN QUESTION. ON FORMER SUBJECT HYUN GAVE ESSENTIALLY A RECAPITULATION OF INFO CONTAINED IN TEHRAN 6613. HE EMPHASIZED KOREA'S ENORMOUS SATISFACTION WITH THE HEARING IT HAD GOTTEN HERE, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH THE SHAH, THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, ETC. HE SAID THAT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COLLABORATION PROPOSALS AMOUNTING TO ONE BILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THESE MIGHT NOT BE REALIZED, THE ROK WAS ENORMOUSLY PLEASED WITH IRAN'S FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE. INTER ALIA HE MENTIONED THAT THE SHAH HAD TALKED AS IF A JOINT NIOC-KOREAN OIL REFINERY PROJECT WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION (TEHRAN 6764). IN FACT, HE SAID, NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL IN PROCESS BUT THE SHAH'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONCEPT WAS

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MOST ENCOURAGING. HE SAID THAT THE DEPUTY PRIME

MINISTER HAD BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF KOREAN FINANCIAL NEEDS WITH THE SHAH AND THE PRIME MINISTER (A FIGURE OF \$250 - \$350 MILLION WAS MENTIONED) AND WHILE NO FIRM PROMISES WERE MADE, BOTH HAD INDICATED A DISPOSITION TO ACCOMMODATE KOREA ONCE INCOME PROSPECTS WERE IMPROVED FOLLOWING EXPECTED INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL THIS SEPTEMBER.

2. HYUN THEN TURNED TO THEIR CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY WHEN THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN WAS DISCUSSED. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM URGED THAT IRAN (A) VOTE AGAINST THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, (B) VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE UN MILITARY COMMAND BUT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL OF A BILATERAL US-ROK AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINUATION OF US FORCES IN KOREA, AND (C) AGREE TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THE SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. KHALATBARY HAD RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW ANY COUNTRY COULD OBJECT TO A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE ROK ON THE STATIONING OF US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA. THE QUESTION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP WAS A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT AND IRAN WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER FURTHER. IN A SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-UP WITH MFA UNDERSECRETARY NADIM, HYUN GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT IRAN WOULD BE SOUNDING OUT OPINION THROUGH ITS UN MISSION IN NEW YORK ON THE CO-SPONSOR QUESTION AND WOULD LIKELY BE GUIDED BY WHAT IT PERCEIVED PREVAILING WINDS TO BE. IN THE MEANTIME HYUN ASKED US TO WEIGH IN WITH THE IRANIANS ON THE CO-SPONSOR ISSUE. THE ROK OBJECTIVE IS TO TRY AND GET SOME 40 NATIONS TO JOIN IN A CO-SPONSOR EFFORT. DCM NOTED THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT THAT WE WOULD REPORT OUR CONVERSATION AND ASK FOR GUIDANCE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
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